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## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1890.

## TELEGRAMS.

## THE RUSSIAN RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

LONDON, February 4th.  
The Russian Press has reported that the railway construction between Peking and Kirin demands protective measures for Russian frontier.

## THE NETHERLANDS.

The Minister for the Colonies has resigned.

## THE FRENCH BUDGET.

The expenditure of France for 1889 exceeds the revenue by 36,000,000 francs.

## RUSSIA IN SIBERIA.

February 5th.  
The formation of two new rifle regiments is ordered for Eastern Siberia.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We are informed by the agents of the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's S. N. Co. that the Company's steamer *Posidon*, from Trieste, left Singapore yesterday afternoon for this port.

PARIS is said to be the most expensive place in the world to die in. The city duns over \$200,000 a year from a funeral tax, and the churches average \$450,000 from the same source.

ARFOULAR Convention of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 218, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zeland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting companions are cordially invited.

THE practice of cremation is on the increase. In Rome 119 bodies were cremated in 1886, 155 in 1887, and over 200 in 1888. At the Woking Crematorium in England over seventy bodies have been cremated since the British Parliament authorized this method of the disposal of the dead.

A VERY fair audience witnessed the performance given in the Garrison Theatre last night, by the Military Mimmers. The curtain-raiser was the familiar piece "B.B." produced for the last time, but the "piece of resistance" was Byron's good old comedy "Weak Woman." The artists did their best, but they had over-estimated their powers, and the result was far from encouraging. The properties were there, and the lines were there, but they alone could not make the piece go, and the performers, what with being handicapped by bugle-solos outside and a stamping-match overhead, were seen at the greatest disadvantage. On Saturday night "Slasher and Crasher" will replace "B.B.," and better things may be expected.

A REGULAR meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zeland Street, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE Russian Minister of the Interior has formulated a plan for the taxation of all foreign immigrants to south Russia. His prime object is to keep out the German peasants, with their liberalizing influences.

MESSRS. Adamson, Bell & Co., agents for the Canadian Pacific Line, inform us that the steamship *Yukon* arrived at Yokohama to-day, and will leave for this port, via Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, to-morrow.

It is said to learn that the Queen of Italy is growing stout, to her great distress. She has several times tried to fast, in hope of reducing her weight, but is too fond of good living to persevere in such a course.

ACCORDING to the *Courier d'Haiphong*, the Tonquin treasury is empty, a shipment of \$300,000 from France, being three weeks overdue. The Bank of Indo-China has advanced \$400,000, on the security of \$300,000 worth of taxes.

THE *Riforma*, a leading journal published in Rome, says the violence of the language used in the Pope's recent allocution will not prevent Italy from being governed in harmony with the necessities of progress and the aspirations of her people.

A LADY relates that she heard a colored preacher say: "De fo' part of de house will please sit down; fo' de hind part cannot see de fo' part if de fo' part persist in standing befo' de hind part, to de utter obscuration of de hind part by de fo' part."

At the meeting of the Lodge "Star of Southern China" Canton, on Saturday last, Bro. J. D. Kiley, of Hongkong, was presented with an address in consequence of his approaching departure, and was made an honorary member of the Lodge.

The ex-Emperor of Brazil is a humorist in a quiet way. Brazilian titles of nobility were only held for life and were easily purchasable. Dom Pedro held and maintained a lunatic asylum with the product of the titles he conferred in the course of his long reign.

MR. A. D. Neubronner, the Siamese Consul in Penang, has commenced a libel suit against the *Straits Independent*, and claims a full apology and \$20,000 damages. Verily it is better—pecuniarily—to be slapped by a paper than to win the Manila lottery.

It is really interesting to know that Sir Henry Aron Isaacs, the Lord Mayor of London, makes a specialty of comic-songs, and when, at a public dinner recently, he was called upon for a speech, he replied with a spirited rendering of "The Low-backed Car" in a good baritone voice.

AFTER having arrived last week by the steamship *Zephyr*, according to our veracious contemporaries, Señor Don F. de R. Arellano, the champion lawyer of the Philippines, reached Hongkong to-day by the *Diamante*. He will represent the subscribers to the gunboat *Filipinas*, in the action brought against them by the Dock Company.

THE total number of students at the University of Vienna during the last summer semester was 5,448, or about 200 less than the preceding term. The Medical Department, usually considered one of the very best in the world, had 2,550 enrolled; 155 fewer than the term before. The law faculty had 2,015 hearers, the philosophical 642, and the theological 241.

THE following Programme will be played by the Band of A. & S. Highlanders at the Royal Engineers Sports to-morrow (Saturday) Commencing at 4 P.M.:—  
"The Grenadiers".....Waltz.  
"The Buffs".....Waltz.  
"The Buffs".....Waltz.  
"The Buffs".....Waltz.  
"The Buffs".....Waltz.

A St. Andrew's Society was formally organized in London on Saturday the 15th ult. About twenty Scotchmen residing in Bangkok responded to a call for a meeting at the Temperance Hall, lower floor, and after the necessary preliminary business, the Society was declared duly formed, and the members were enrolled. Mr. Black, of the British Legation, was voted in as secretary.

We read that it is doubtful whether the projected marriage of the Archduchess Valerie, the youngest daughter of the Emperor of Austria, will take place, in consequence of the unsatisfactory state of her health. The Archduchess is subject to epileptic fits, and until she became engaged to her cousin she always intended to retire to a convent on the death of her father.

FOUR men-of-war for Japan are at present in course of construction in Europe. The *Chishima*, which is being constructed in France, is expected to be completed about April; the *Idzumi*, *Shikima*, and *Matsushima*, also being constructed in France, about June or July, and the *Chikuma*, which Messrs. Thompson & Bros. of Glasgow have in hand, will probably be completed about the same time.

THE next meeting of the Hongkong Literary Society will be held in the City Hall on Thursday next, the 13th inst., when Mr. F. W. Cross, local manager of the Hongkong and China Coal Co., Ltd., will deliver a lecture on "Coal Gas Manufacture." That is all very well in its way, but Mr. Cross would tell us how the price of coal gas in this colony can be reduced to something like home prices if he doesn't solve this problem very soon, the Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd., will become a mere recollection of the past.

It may be interesting to debtors and persons afflicted with an unwillingness to pay to know that there is still sanctuary against the insidious hand of the creditor in the person of a debtor. Recd. applied to Mr. Justice Wise for an order authorizing the bailiff to serve a writ on Lo Wa Po, a comrade who, he said, had taken refuge in the Barracks. His lordship did not think there was any privilege attaching to the Barracks, but refused to interfere, saying that the pursuer must take action at his own risk. He suggested, however, that the military authorities should be communicated with.

GERMANY, according to Dr. Schodde, averages more new publications each year than America, England and France together. America has 4631, France about 4000, but Germany about 17,000. The ambition to write a book is as natural for a German as the ambition to make money is characteristic of the American. A German professional literary work is considered behind the progressive thought in his department. Advancement in higher education is furnished in printed form, and of the 2300 teachers in connection with the 21 German universities there is not a single one who is not an author, and a preponderant in the academic circles is almost entirely conditioned by continued work of this character. Indeed, at nearly all of the universities the diploma for the degree of doctor of philosophy is given only in case the accepted theses are also printed.

THE football match The Club v. The Regiment, arranged to take place yesterday, did not come off, owing to the best Regimental team not being available at such short notice. The Highlanders had, nevertheless, a team at practice that would have taken a lot of beating.

THE sensational libel suit, in which Mr. Oscar Brandt seeks to recover the trifling sum of \$50,000 from the Editor of the *Hongkong Telegraph* for alleged injuries to his battered reputation, will be heard before the Acting Chief Justice and a special jury on Thursday next.

GOSPATIN APOSTOLOFF, a young Cossack engineer, has designed a *lance-plongeur* which will dive into the Atlantic off the English coast and come up in New York harbor twenty-four hours later. It is the old story of being shaped like a fish, with a spiral ridge on the outside running around twice, which in some way or other will be made to revolve.

## TRAINING NOTES.

There was again a large attendance of spectators at the Race-course on Wednesday morning, and the proceedings were of a most interesting character. Early in the morning the track was a bit holding, and when the sun came out it rapidly absorbed the moisture and at the finish it was a very fast course. Mr. Buxey's Derby griffin Peacemaker was the first to enter, and the result of his trial places him out of court so far as this meeting is concerned. Peacemaker may have been a good pony once, but he won't do this journey.

Home Guard cantered by himself, but the pace was too slow for any definite opinion as to the pony's form being arrived at. Daphne, going alone, covered the last mile of a mile and a quarter gallop in 36, 1.13, 1.47, and 2.20, finishing in splendid style, and if this grand move will only do his best with the colours up he will take a lot of beating. All Baba (late Thunderbolt) went a mile in 34, 1.08, 1.42, and 2.14, going like a steam-engine, but I doubt whether his handsome racer can be depended on when it comes to actual warfare. His colour (All Baba is a red roan), a somewhat uncommon colour for a Chinese-race-pony, is not in his favor, and although he may in make and shape have the makings of a Champions' winner, I shall doubt his claim to be reckoned in the first class until he has beaten something that can gallop.

I timed Myh (Schumann) up for a mile and a quarter—31, 66, 1.41, 2.17, and 2.49, the handsome black finishing in m. st. resolute fashion. In a three quarters of a mile spin Susewind registered 35, 67, and 1.41, and he was not generally liked. Gridiron (Mr. Maclean) galloped along for a mile and a quarter in 1.11, 1.47, 2.25, and 3 minutes, and as usual when going by himself, he moved very sluggishly. Sonnerahl, ridden by Mr. Machad, encompassed the same distance in 37, 1.14, 1.50, 2.5, and 3 minutes, and I for one was not favorably impressed.

Vigour and Volcano galloped together for a mile and a quarter, the first named pulling double all the way and cantering at the end. The times, however—35, 69, 1.46, 2.24, and 2.57—were nothing out of the way. Zemindar, Cachuca, and Bolero went a mile and a quarter in 3 minutes, last mile 2.20, and I was sorry to see Mr. Noble's grand looking chestnut return to the paddock on three legs and a swinger. Laddie had much the better of Lochinar in a mile and a quarter spin—times 34, 65, 1.41, 2.17, and 2.55—the old pony showing very good form. Golden Hope strode along by himself in fine style, covering his last mile in 35, 70, 1.45, and 2.17. A somewhat sensational gallop was that between Yarrum and Don Juan; the griffin fairly held his own for about six furlongs, but then the Foochow Champions' winner came away alone and won hands down. The winner's full times were 30, 65, 1.39, 2.16 and 2.51—Don John covering the mile and a quarter in a shade over 2.55.

Pao-shing and Busbydoo galloped together, and I regret to say that the latter was found to be lame on returning to the stable. Pao-shing, as I have already stated, is also very much "off colour." Silken Mead made roundabout Caswell over the Derby course, coming away from the skewball griffin without an effort in the last quarter—times 31, 66, 1.42, 2.19, 2.51, and 3.32, when he took a lot of beating. Even when he was the best class cattle. I timed Norman going alone, 34, 69, 1.47, and 2.93 for the last mile of a long gallop, and the more I see of this handsome little pony the better I like him. One of Mr. Sid's Derby griffins covered a mile in 30 1/4, 63, 1.38 and 2.14, sprawling about a good deal when asked to quicken inside the distance. Another griffin from the same stable, with Mr. Maclean in the saddle, negotiated the same course in 33, 1.07, 1.41 and 2.15; the latter, I believe, was Encore, but I am not certain. Rosy Morn easily won the Deveron about three lengths over the Valley Stakes course in 30, 63, and 1.37, the game little chestnut finishing in grand style. For a mile Hotspur, looking very fit, made 38, 1.15, 1.39 and 2.23, and this grand mover will hold his own with the very best of them over any distance up to a mile.

Tip-top and Express made their last mile, in a spin over the German Cup distance, in 33, 69, 1.45 and 2.21. Over the Derby course *Imvris* knocked out of a "sub," which I was told was Total Loss, the winner's time being 3.32. Lygodan easily beat Bismarck and The Laird for a mile and a quarter, getting home in 31, 65, 1.41, 2.18 and 2.54. Vindictive galloped for too many guns for the distance gallop, full finishing mile and a quarter gallop full of "go" times for last mile, 36, 1.10, 1.45, and 2.18. Lander (Mr. Sampson), Lotterer, and Arabic were "powed" a mile and a quarter, the last named beating the swell "sub" after a capital race—winner's times, 32, 64, 1.39, 2.19 and 2.54. Mr. Woodie's chestnut Derby griffin Timaru galloped a mile and a half by himself in 3.32, finishing full of running.

Waldo (Count Mickydoop) strode along for a mile in 35, 1.11, 1.45, and 2.18, and although it may be high treason to say it, I don't think the speedy bay is much account for any distance over six furlongs. Now when Toth was in his prime—[That will do, old man, get on with your report, and leave your reminiscences of Toth for your report on long—Ed.] Enterprise, Enthusiast, and Vint Vengur "powed" a mile, the chestnut "Schumann" up, winning pretty comfortably at the last, the other pair being close together. The times—33, 67, 1.42 and 2.17—were very satisfactory. Good Hope cantered along, side Pedro Blanco for a mile in 34, 66, 1.46, 2.25, and then Ketles did a mile spin in 31, 66, 1.47 and 2.27. Ketles possesses speed, but he is very deficient in staying power. Calide Harold galloped a mile in 37, 1.13, 1.47, and 2.20, moving in good form throughout, and over the same distance Chama easily disposed of Dye-understand and Cassin. In 2.17, Mr. Tasmah's free-going white is one of the most promising of all the outsiders for the Valley Stakes. Leap Year and Duncraggan went a

mile and a half in 42, 1.18, 1.55, 2.31, 3.06 and 3.58, the dan giffin showing better speed than the old Derby winner at the finish. Athol Brose ran away at the start from Dogberry, and two others, covering his mile in 32, 66, 1.44 and 2.19, but with a fair start the sluggish chestnut would most certainly have won the "pow."

Wolflaw and Cyrus galloped a mile and a quarter slowly, the grey having a good deal the best of the spin. One of Mr. Sid's Derby candidates—Entertain I believe—covered a mile in 2.45, and over the same distance Skipjack took what easily disposed of Senator, Grayling, and Cracker in 30, 63, 1.40 and 2.13, a very good performance for the handsome bay. Vernal was much too good for Volney over a mile, winning very easily in 2.24, and I am sorely afraid the free-going brown is not so good as he looks. Orbit's mile in 32, 64, 1.43 and 2.17 was not a bad performance, but it looked to me as if the pony pulled up unsound, and both Fair Spirit and Carlie gave me the same impression. Grantham galloped half a mile in 34 and 65, and I can't honestly say that I liked the way the racing-like brown finished. Chaser went a mile in 32, 65, 1.38, and 2.12, Blazer's record for the same distance being 34, 68, 1.42 and 2.15. Worthless was ridden by Mr. Hutchings, but he went either too fast or too far for my chronograph, so I did not succeed in timing this mysterious customer. No defendit, Musket, and Carbine went in good style (time for a mile 2.20), and Mullingar (late Monte Video) from the same stable, covered a mile and a quarter in 2.53, last quarter 33 seconds. The "sub" Severn easily beat Cream of the Valley and Squib for three quarters in 1.42, and this form is not without value in reckoning up Lander's prospects for the popular six furlongs race.

Orlando galloped steadily by himself, but although he has certainly improved of late, he is not the Orlando of old. Both Ringwood and Merry Christmas were on the course, but did nothing worth chronicling. Bombshell, and Whitebat, are on the retired list. After a grand finish Saltpetre beat Senegal half a length over a mile and a quarter in 33, 61, 1.37, 2.24 and 2.48—the best performance made during the morning.

Yesterday morning the Clerk of the Course had a narrow escape. Mr. Gore-Booth was diving down to the race-course, having Mr. W. Legge as passenger, when, in going down the hill towards the Monument, one of the shafts of the trap gave way and the pony bolted; Mr. Legge jumped out at the first favorable opportunity, and the pony was brought up in the ditch with a broken back, the C. C. escaping unhurt. A friendly bullet did the rest. This was very nearly a case of two "dead brokers," but the — always looks after his own.

Laddie, one of the most prominent of the subscription griffins, ran away with his riding boy at exercise yesterday morning and returned to his stable badly lame. It is very doubtful if he can be got round in time to race at the forthcoming meeting.

## AN OLD SPORTSMAN.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1890.

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The following is the forty-ninth report of the Court of Directors to the ordinary half-yearly general meeting of shareholders to be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 22nd February, 1890, at noon:—

To the Proprietors of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,  
Gentlemen, The Directors have the honor to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Bank, and Balance Sheet for the half-year ending 31st December 1889.

The net profits for that period, including \$70,307.32 balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts, amount to \$1,119,310.47, of which after taking out remuneration to Directors, there remains for appropriation \$1,109,310.47.

From this sum, the Directors recommend the payment of a Dividend of One Pound and Ten Shillings per Share, which at 4/6 will absorb \$400,000, and a Bonus of Ten Shillings per Share, which will absorb \$133,333.33. The dividend in Exchange being 4/6, the rate at which the Dividend and Bonus are declared, and 3/11, the rate of the day, amounts to \$234,666.67. They recommend transferring \$200,000 to the Credit of Reserve Fund, which will then stand at \$4,600,000. The Balance, \$1,410,310.47, to be carried to New Profit and Loss Account.

Mr. H. L. Dalrymple has been appointed Chairman for the year 1890, and Mr. J. S. Moses Deputy Chairman. Mr. J. F. Holliday, Mr. N. A. Sieb, and Mr. E. P. Solomon have resigned on leaving the Colony. The Directors invited the Hon. A. R. MacEwen, Mr. H. Hopkiss, and Mr. D. R. Sassoon to fill the vacant seats; their appointment requires confirmation at this meeting. Mr. B. Layton, Mr. L. Poesneck, and Mr. St. C. Michaelson retire in rotation, and being eligible for re-election offer themselves accordingly.

The accounts have been audited by the Hon. Phineas Ryrie and Mr. Fullerton Henderson, W. H. FORBES, Chairman.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1890.

## ABSTRACT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

31st December, 1889.

Liabilities.  
Paid-up Capital.....\$ 7,500,000.00  
Reserve Fund.....4,600,000.00  
Marine Insurance Account.....250,000.00  
Notes in Circulation.....\$ 6,030,868.42  
Deposits.....892,925.29  
95,340,771.71

Bills Payable (including Drafts on London Bankers and Short Sight Drawings on London Office Against Bills Receivable and Billions Shipments).....17,939,536.64  
Profit and Loss Account.....1,019,310.47  
\$125,892,928.82

Assets.  
Cash.....\$ 13,766,227.32  
Investments, viz:—  
150,000 per cent. Consols.  
150,000 per cent. Indian Govt. Sterling Loan.  
The above lodged with the Bank of England as a Special London Reserve.....\$1,540,540.54  
Rs. 6,300,000 Indian Govt. Loan.....2,750,538.74  
4,291,079.28  
Bills discounted, Loan & Credits.....5,165,066.28  
Bills receivable.....51,185,336.77  
Bank premises.....955,397.54  
Dead stock.....10,992.90  
\$125,892,928.82

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Dr. 31st December, 1889.

To Amounts Written off:—  
Remuneration to Directors.....\$ 10,000.00  
To Dividend Account:—  
£1.10 per Share on 60,000 Shares= £66,000.00  
£30,000 @ 4/6.....\$100,000.00  
Bonus of 10/- per Share on 60,000 Shares= £60,000.00  
£30,000 @ 4/6.....\$133,333.33  
533,333.33

To Dividend Adjustment Account:—  
Difference in Exchange between 4/6 the rate at which the Dividend and Bonus are declared, and 3/11, the Current rate of the day.....234,666.67  
To Reserve Fund.....250,000.00  
To Balance carried forward to next half-year.....141,310.47  
\$1,119,310.47

By Balance of Undivided Profits, 30th June, 1889.....\$ 70,307.32  
By Amount of Net Profits for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1889, after deducting all Expenses and Interest paid and due.....1,049,003.15  
\$1,119,310.47

## RESERVE FUND.

To Balance on 31st December, 1889.....\$4,600,000.00

By Balance on 30th June, 1889.....\$4,400,000.00  
By Amount transferred from Profit and Loss Account.....200,000.00  
\$4,600,000.00

G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager.  
A. W. MAITLAND, Chief Accountant.

W. H. FORBES,  
H. L. DALRYMPLE,  
J. S. MOSES,  
Directors.

We have compared the above Statement with the Books, Vouchers and Securities at the Head Office, and with the Returns from the various Branches and Agencies, and have found the same to be correct.

P. RYRIE,  
F. HENDERSON,  
Auditors.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1890.

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, January 18th.

The Governor of Mozambique, who is credited with having systematically disregarded the orders sent out to him by his Government, has resigned his post, and will probably be succeeded by Captain Almeida of the Portuguese N. v. General Guedes de Carvalho has declined the portfolio of War Minister offered to him.

ZANZIBAR, January 18th.

Fourteen British war vessels now here are coaling. Emin Pacha is a trifle better. The telegraph cable connecting Mombassa and Zanzibar is completed.

CAIRO, January 18th.

Sir Evelyn Baring gave a banquet in honor of Mr. Stanley this evening, at which Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Jesse Collings were present.

LONDON, January 19th.

Sir Robert Anstruther Dalrymple has died suddenly. Colonel Perissot has reached the Tibetan plateau; the country is mostly desolate and unpeopled, but the southern portion is well watered and wooded.

CAIRO, January 10th.

The favorable turn that negotiations between France and Egypt have lately taken, is, in a few days, expected to result in an agreement being arrived at relative to the scheme for the conversion of the preference debt. France has abandoned her demand for a committee of control over Monrovia's irrigation works under the presidency of a French engineer.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 20th.

The Russian Government will have the Spring, conduct the projected double line of rails to their western frontier, and will establish three military depots in connection therewith.

LONDON, January 20th.

Lord Salisbury is going on the Continent to recruit his health. In the case against Claude Marks, journalist, Charles Wolfe, journalist, and James Mark, canvasser for advertisements, for having threatened to publish a false libel concerning James Potter, Oble, and Marcus Bilbro, with intent to extort money, the jury disagreed and the defendants were discharged.

## A GRUESOME AUCTION.

Probably the most remarkable auction that ever occurred in St. Louis took place the other day, at the auction



went through our pockets. We were a poverty-stricken crowd. The \$30 they took from me constituted my worldly wealth, while Davis and the others had been too sharp to trust their money to a slave unguarded. The whole amount did not pan out for \$150, and the bushrangers were furious.

"Why, you—bloke!" shouted the leader, "you alone ought to have at least \$200 with you!"

"Do you think I'm carrying my money about the country for such as you?" protested the hot-headed victim.

"I'm a-wishing you hadn't got a blasted penny!" added the second.

"The idea of it! You'll all be hung for this!" growled the third.

Davis and I had nothing to say. We didn't see that the case could be helped by protestations. The words of the Englishmen provoked our captors to a white heat, and they were knocked about unmercifully for the next five minutes.

Then the leader, speaking to the two of us, asked:

"You are not English?"

"No; Americans."

"I thought so. Where ye bound for?"

We gave him our destinations.

"Well, we're a bit sorry to take your money, small as it is, and so delay your journey; but we've got to do both. These three coves is rich, and we ain't going to let 'em off with shillings where we ought to have pounds."

While we were held under guard one of the men went over to the driver and held a consultation with him, and the result was that he turned the team about and disappeared in the direction of the highway. We were then ordered to proceed in a northerly course through the scrub, one man leading and the others bringing up the rear. Not a word had been addressed to little Eva by any of the men, although all had looked at her with softened expression.

She realized what was going on, but went through it bravely, and when we started through the scrub her father carried her on his shoulder.

We traveled for six or seven miles before halting, and then came upon a camp-fire, with a fifth bushranger sleeping beside it. He was rudely awakened, and I then saw that he had his right arm in a sling, having been wounded or meeting with an accident. The camp was a thick, with a temporary shelter of brush to sleep under. The five of us were ordered to sit down under his shelter, and then every man's feet were tied together at the ankles and a guard took a seat before us. Then the fire was replenished and the bushrangers gave us such a supper as they could afford, which consisted solely of roast mutton and a flour cake baked in the ashes.

When we had eaten this and been offered a drink of water all around, the leader sat down before us and said:

"Now, gents, business is business the world over. We've got to have money. We want it to convert these here natives from the error of their ways, and it will take a heap to do it. You first gent, who was to ready with your tongue, how much are you worth?"

"It's none o' yer blasted business, you scoundrel, you!" I was the hearty reply.

"Well, mebbe not. Bein' as you is so poverty-stricken, I'll put you down for only \$300. Now, you second gent."

"I could raise \$200 in Melbourne."

"That means \$200 for you, then. You'll lie a half or more. Now, you third gent."

"I'll see you hanged for this day's work," was the reply.

"Mebbe you will, but not until after I see your money. You also go down for \$300. Now, the fourth gent."

"You've got my last dollar," I replied. "I landed in Melbourne only a week ago."

"That's bad for all of us, but I guess you tell the truth. Now, you fifth gent."

"I might possibly raise \$50 up at the ranch," replied Davis, "but that would be all. I am poor and just making a start."

"Is that your little gal?"

"Yes."

"Where's the mother?"

"Dead."

"Shoo! That's too bad. What's the gal's name?"

"Eva."

"Mighty sweet. Say, gal, come and kiss me." She went over to him and kissed his bronzed and bearded cheek without the slightest hesitation, and he held her for a moment and looked her over and said:

"Sweet as honey! I wouldn't hurt you for all the money in the big world!"

She was allowed to return to her father, and the leader then said:

"We shall hold you three poorer gents until you raise \$800 for us, and as these Americans might give the alarm we shall be obliged to hold them as well. Sorry to do it, but business is business, and if we don't look out for ourselves no one will."

Each one of the Englishmen swore by all that was good and great that he'd never pay a cent, but the bushrangers only laughed at their words. At a late hour we were ordered to go to sleep, and the last thing I saw before my eyes closed was the guard sitting on a rock at my feet.

The night passed quietly, and as soon as we had breakfast in the morning the leader took pen, ink, and paper from a box and said to the Englishmen:

"Now, then, here's the chance to write to your friends to raise the rocks, and I'll see that the letters reach them."

Each one of the three refused point blank to make any attempt to raise money, although it was plain they had a desperate lot to deal with, and that they would suffer for their obstinacy.

fortune. Each one wrote a note to a friend in Melbourne, worded by dictation. While the chief was a rough-looking fellow, he proved to have a very fair education. When the letters were ready he took them and started, presumably to find a messenger to act as a go-between. There were four left to guard us, and after the chief had gone one of them missed some herbs and kindly tied up the Englishman's feet. Our three fellow-prisoners rather shunned Davis and myself during the afternoon, seeming to be put out because we were not called up to ransom ourselves. But we afterward recalled that they made much of the child and had her with them a good share of the time. Each outlaw also had a good word for her whenever she came near, and she was permitted to run about without restraint.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon this was the situation: Three of the guards were asleep beyond the fire. The fourth sat on the ground, with his back to a rock, reading a novel, while he had a rifle across his knees. Davis and I lay close together, taking matters over, and the Englishmen were ten steps away, and the leader was turning about, shouting and playing. All at once we heard the pop of a revolver, followed by a death cry, and as we sprang up two of the Englishmen, each with a pistol in hand, dashed past us. In sixty seconds more every one of the bushrangers was dead. They had coaxed Eva to bring them the pistols, which were lying on the far side of the camp, and she had passed behind the guard and made two trips. As soon as they had the weapons one of them shot down the half-asleep guard, and then the others were slain before sleep was fairly off their eyelids.

The smoke was still hanging over the camp when we began the construction of a litter, and within half an hour we were headed for the highway and carrying the victim of torture along with us. We kept going all night, as we had to go slow, and about daylight came out at the stage station. A squad of mounted police set out for the camp, and on their way to it came across and killed the leader of the bushrangers, thus wiping out the last of a bad gang.

STARTLING EVENT IN A VILLAGE.

To the Editor of "Saturday Night," Birmingham.

I RECENTLY came into possession of certain facts of so remarkable a nature, that I am sure you will be glad to assist in making them public. The following letters were shown to me, and I at once begged permission to copy them for the Press. They come from a highly responsible source, and may be received without question.

MESSAGE FROM GEORGE JAMES GOSTLING, L.D.S., R.C.S.I., Ph.C.I., Licentiate in Pharmacy and Dental Surgeon.

Stowmarket, July 18, 1889.

To MR. WHITE, The remarkable cure should, I think, be printed and circulated in Suffolk. The statement was entirely voluntary, and is genuine in fact and detail.

G. J. G.

"To the Proprietors of Mother Seigel's Syrup."

"GENTLEMEN—The following remarkable cure was related to me by the husband, Mary Ann Spink, of Finborough, Suffolk, was for over twenty years afflicted with rheumatism and neuralgia, and although comparatively a young woman at the time she was attacked (she is now fifty), she was compelled, in consequence, to walk with two sticks, and even then with difficulty and pain. About a year and a half ago she was advised to try Mother Seigel's Syrup, and after taking three bottles and two boxes of Seigel's Operating Pills, the use of her limbs were restored, and she is now able to walk three miles to Stowmarket with ease, frequently doing the distance in three-quarters of an hour. Any sufferer who doubts this story can fully ascertain its truthfulness by paying a visit to the village and enquiring of the villagers, who will certify to the facts."

Appended is the husband's signature to the statement.

(R. Spink.)

"G. J. GOSTLING, Ipswich Street, Stowmarket."

This is certainly a very pitiable case, and the happy cure wrought by this simple but powerful remedy, must move the sympathy of all hearts in a common pleasure. This poor woman had been a cripple for twenty of her best years, years in which she should have had such comfort and enjoyment as life has to give. But, on the contrary, she was a miserable burden to herself and a source of care to her friends. Now, at an age when the rest of us are, as it were, beginning a new existence, what a blessing and what a wonder it is! No one who knows her, or who reads her story, but will be thankful that the good Lord has enabled men to discover a remedy capable of bringing about a cure that reminds us—we speak it reverently—of the age of miracles.

It should be explained that this most remarkable cure is due to the fact that rheumatism is a disease of the blood. Indigestion, constipation, and dyspepsia cause the poison from the partially digested food to enter the circulation, and the blood deposits it in the joints and muscles. This is rheumatism. Seigel's Syrup corrects the digestion, and so stops the further formation and deposit of the poison. It then removes from the system the poison already there. It is not a cure-all. It does its wonderful work entirely by its mysterious action upon the digestive organs. But when we remember that nine-tenths of our ailments arise in those organs, we can understand why Seigel's Syrup cures so many diseases that appear to be so different in their nature. In other words rheumatism and neuralgia are but symptoms of indigestion, constipation, and dyspepsia.—(Adv.)

JOHNSTON, STOKES, & MASTER, Solicitors for the said HENRY HARRIS LAKE.

Supreme Court House, Hongkong 31st January, 1890.

LETTERS PATENT.

In the Matter of the Petition of BENJAMIN NICHOLSON, of the Town, South Norwood, in the County of Surrey, England, for LETTERS PATENT for the exclusive use within the Colony of Hongkong of an Invention for "Improvements in the means of preventing the formation or development of injurious germs of animal or vegetable life applicable to the treatment of Hides or Skins, and to the manufacture preparation and preservation of other materials and substances liable to be affected by such germs."

NOTICE is hereby given that the Petition Specification and Declaration required herein by Ordinance No. 14 of 1889 have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and that it is the intention of the said BENJAMIN NICHOLSON, by Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES, & MASTER, of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Solicitors, his duly authorized Agents, to apply at the sitting of the Executive Council hereinafter mentioned for LETTERS PATENT for the exclusive use within the said Colony of Hongkong of the above named invention. And Notice is hereby also given that a sitting of the Executive Council before whom the matter of the Petition will come for decision will be held in the Council Chamber at the Government Offices, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 11th day of February, 1890, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon.

JOHNSON, STOKES, & MASTER, Solicitors for the said BENJAMIN NICHOLSON.

Supreme Court House, Hongkong 31st January, 1890.

GEORGE FENWICK & Co., Ltd.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS is held in the Hongkong Hotel, on THURSDAY, the 8th instant, at 4 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Consulting Committee and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1889. Elect Consulting Committee, and appoint an Auditor for the current year.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 13th inst., both days inclusive.

GEORGE FENWICK, General Manager, Hongkong, 7th February, 1890.

TO LET, From 15th February or 1st March, THE TOP FLOOR of Calce Road, No. 21, (Two Spacious Rooms and Bath Room). Gas and Water laid on. Apply to F. NAUDIN & Co. Hongkong, 7th February, 1890.

ST. JOHN LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited. Hongkong, 7th February, 1890.

WANTED, AT ONCE, A FURNISHED HOUSE of 5 or 6 Rooms. Apply to A. B. C. c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office. Hongkong, 7th February, 1890.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Petition Specification and Declaration required herein by Ordinance No. 14 of 1889 have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and that it is the intention of the said HENRY HARRIS LAKE, by Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES, & MASTER, of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Solicitors, his duly authorized Agents, to apply at the sitting of the Executive Council hereinafter mentioned for LETTERS PATENT for the exclusive use within the said Colony of Hongkong of the above named invention. And Notice is hereby also given that a sitting of the Executive Council before whom the matter of the Petition will come for decision will be held in the Council Chamber at the Government Offices, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 11th day of February, 1890, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon.

JOHNSON, STOKES, & MASTER, Solicitors for the said HENRY HARRIS LAKE.

Supreme Court House, Hongkong 31st January, 1890.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY. THE Company's Steamship "DIAMANTE," Captain G. Taylor, will be despatched for the above Ports, on MONDAY, the 10th instant, at 4 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 7th February, 1890.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK. THE Company's Steamship "PHRA CHOM KLAO," Captain W. H. Walton, will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 13th inst., at 8 A.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to YUEN FAT HONG, Agents. Hongkong, 7th February, 1890.

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, VIA THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY AND OTHER CONNECTING RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship "PARTHIA," 3,167 Tons Register, Captain F. H. Wallace, will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B.C., via INLAND SEA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 6th March, at NOON. To be followed by the S.S. "SATAVIA" on the 3rd April and "ABYSSINIA" on the 24th April.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, and at Vancouver with Pacific Coast Points by the regular Steamers of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and other Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—To Vancouver and Victoria, (Mex.) \$210.00 To Montreal New York, &c. 290.00 To Liverpool 325.00 To London 330.00 To other European Ports at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese and Japanese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Ports in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C. Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. on the 5th March.

All Parcels must be sent to our Office and should be marked to address in full; and the same will be received by us until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 7th February 1890.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "STRATHEARN," FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are requested to send their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

All claims against the Steamer must be sent in immediately. ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 6th February, 1890.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

WE have this day entered into Partnership as Solicitors and shall carry on business under the name of "HOLMES & ROLFE."

HENRY J. HOLMES, ARTHUR B. ROLFE. Hongkong, 1st February, 1890.

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Mr. G. J. W. KING, to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY, the 12th February, 1890, at 2 P.M., at his Residence No. 17, Mosque Junction.

THE WHOLE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., Comprising:—

REP. COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITS, CENTRE TABLE, MIRROR PICTURES and ORNAMENTS.

EXTENSION DINING TABLE, GLASS BOARD, WHATNOT, CROCKERY, GLASS and PLATED WARE.

DOUBLE BEDSTEAD, IRON COTS, WARDROBES, CHEST OF DRAWERS, MARBLE TOP TABLE and WASH-STAND.

COOKING RANGE, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary. Catalogues will be issued and the whole to be on view on and after Tuesday, the 11th inst.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 3rd February, 1890.

CONSIGNEES.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE. CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "BELGIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. CHAS. D. HARMAN, Agent. Hongkong, 1st February, 1890.

HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS.

SATURDAY, TH 8TH MARCH, 1890.

To take place on the Race Course, Wong-nai-chong (by kind permission of the Stewards of the Jockey Club), commencing punctually at 2 p.m.

To be held under the Laws of the A. A. Association, and open to Gentlemen Amateurs who are Members or Visitors either of the Hongkong Club, Club Germania, Club Lusitano, Hongkong Cricket Club, or Victoria Recreation Club, and to Commissioned Officers of H.M. Army and Navy.

PROGRAMME.

1.—120 yards Flat Race, Handicap, First prize presented by D. R. Sisson, Esq.

2.—Throwing the Cricket Ball, Prize by Cricket Club.

3.—Exercises on German Horse, Prize by Sports Committee.

4.—220 yards Flat Race Handicap, First prize by John D. Humphreys, Esq.

5.—Putting the Shot, Prize by Sports Committee.

6.—Ladies' Purse, Half Mile Flat Race, Handicap, First prize by the Ladies of Hongkong.

7.—High Jump, Prize by R. K. Leigh, Esq.

8.—Half Mile Flat Race Handicap, open to Soldiers, Sailors and Police. First prize \$20; 2nd prize, \$10; 3rd prize, \$5, presented by J. J. Francis, Esq., Q.C.

9.—Douglas Challenge Cup, Quarter Mile, presented by John S. Laorick, Esq.

10.—Bicycle Handicap, One Mile, First prize by G. E. Noble, Esq.

11.—100 yards Challenge Cup, presented by H. N. Moly, Esq.

12.—Mile Challenge Cup, presented by E. R. Bellion, Esq.

13.—Veterans' Race, 120 yards Handicap, (Ten years in the Tropics and over 5 years of age) First prize by Hon. A. P. McEwen.

14.—Half Mile Steeplechase, (6 Jumps) First prize by J. Y. V. Vernon, Esq.

15.—Consolation Race, Prize by Hon. P. Ryrie.

16.—International Tug-of-War (3 men aside), prizes by Club Germania.

17.—Presentation of Prizes.

N.B.—Post Entries allowed only for event No. 8.

Events Nos. 9, 11 and 17 must be won two consecutive years—previous winners are not penalised.

Competitors are requested to send in their entries on entry Form which can be obtained from Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co., Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., the Victoria Recreation Club, or the Undersigned to the Hon. Secretary, not later than WEDNESDAY, the 26th February, on which date the entries close.

There will be no charge for admission to the Sports, but special invitations for the Grand Stand and Enclosure will be issued by the Committee.

W. H. YOUNG, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 1st February, 1890.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

ALL who have ACCOUNTS against the Cricket and Dinner Committee are requested to send them in before the 15th instant.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS, Hon. Sec. H.K.C.C. Hongkong, 6th February, 1890.

NOTICE.

P. C. FULLERT, LICENSED INLAND SEA PILOT, NAGASAKI.

Will meet ships off IWOSIMA OR ROKUREN.

Telegraphic address: FULLERT, Nagasaki. FULLERT, Kobe. 13th November, 1889.

## Intimations.

THE PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND INSTALLMENT of \$5 (Five Dollars) per Share, on CALL of Ten Dollars per Share in the above Company will fall due on February 15th next, and is payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

INTEREST at the rate of 12 % per annum will be chargeable on all calls unpaid on due date.

By Order of the Board of Directors, J. WHEELEY, Secretary. Hongkong, 14th January, 1890.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, Pedder's Street, on MONDAY, the 24th February instant, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1889, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th day of February instant, both days inclusive.



